

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4302
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
CLOSURE OF FERTILIZER FACTORY IN GORAKHPUR
BAL KRISHNA CHAUHAN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to close down the fertilizer factory in Gorakhpur;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the manner in which the employees of the said factory are likely to be absorbed after closure of the factory?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A decision has already been taken by the Government, in-principle, to close/hive off the Gorakhpur Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) as the same was not found techno-economically viable. The comprehensive rehabilitation proposals of FCI including its Gorakhpur unit, based on the declared Government policy that inter-alia considers the interest of workers, was considered by the competent authority in the Government on 31.5.2001 and a Group of Ministers has been constituted to examine the proposal and submit its recommendations.